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January 9, 2006

Mr. Joseph Cosentino United States Environmental Protection Agency 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Bldg. 209, Mail Stop 211 Edison, New Jersey 08837 VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL

RE: Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site, Newark, NJ

Progress Report No. 23

Dear Mr. Cosentino:

On behalf of the Bayonne Barrel & Participating Parties and pursuant to Paragraph 23 of the Administrative Order on Consent, enclosed please find three (3) copies of Progress Report No. 23 covering the period from December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

In addition to reporting on the subject work, this progress report also contains an update of activities associated with remedy selection at the site.

Very truly yours,

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BAYONNE BARREL & DRUM SUPERFUND SITE PROGRESS REPORT NO. 23

December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Description of the Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Administrative Order on Consent Since the Previous Report:

- The Remedial Action Selection Report (Quest, December 2005) was submitted on December 22, 2005. The RASR includes a Focused Risk Assessment in support of the proposed remedy.
- A work plan was submitted for NJDEP approval on December 14, 2005 to perform an investigation of the storm sewers at the site, pursuant to comments received to the Remedial Investigation Report.
- Contractor selection activities were completed for ground water modeling identified by the NJDEP in their comments to the Remedial Investigation Report. Golder Associates, Inc. has been selected for this scope and will proceed upon completion of contracts.
- Site security continues to be maintained at the site.

Summary of all Results of Sampling, Tests or Other Data Received or Generated Since the Previous Report:

None.

Completed Deliverables Since the Previous Report:

- Storm Sewer Investigation Work Plan, December 14, 2005.
- Remedial Action Selection Report, December 22, 2005.

Actions Planned Prior to Submittal of Final Completion Report:

- Maintain site security.
- Continue Monthly Progress Reporting.



Mr. Joseph Cosentino Bayonne Barrel & Drum Superfund Site Progress Report No. 23 January 9, 2006

Percentage Completion:

- Work Plan Submittal and Approval- 100%
- Construction Operations Plan Implementation 100%
- Post-Removal Site Control Plan 0%
- Final Report 0%

Delays Encountered or Anticipated:

None currently identified.